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Military Activities in the Kummersdorf-Rehagen-Sperenberg-
Wuensdorf Area

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REMARKS

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1. Between 4 and 9 February 1955, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake was occupied by approximately 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. On 8 February, a TMP-type steel pontoon was seen during the dismantling of pre-war training facilities in Schumke Lake. Three open wooden sheds had been built just southwest of the officer houses on Hege Lake. When the construction was still under way, the sheds had already been occupied by motor vehicles. 1
2. At 0745 on 8 February, a column of 36 tank trucks with trailers and 4 trucks without trailers left the barracks installation on Schumke Lake and proceeded to Rehagen via Kummersdorf.

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3. The following motor vehicles were also observed entering and leaving the installation: amphibious vehicles [redacted] trucks [redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, signal trucks [redacted] truck [redacted] jeep [redacted] and bus [redacted]

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4. Between 4 and 9 February, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne [redacted] in Rehagen was occupied as previously by approximately 2,000 soldiers. Approximately 20 x 85-mm and 37-mm AA guns were again observed in the installation. On 8 February, 3 x 85-mm AA guns and 1 searchlight left the installation toward Kummersdorf. 4

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5. Between 10 and 19 February. the Artillerie Kaserne (3281) in Kummersdorf was occupied by 1,900 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Three hundred to 400 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets daily practiced attacks against field fortifications in the restricted area. Similar exercises were also observed between 1900 and 2300 during the period under review.
6. The construction of covers for the trenches continued. Every 3 meters, a section of approximately 2 meters remained uncovered.

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9. On 12 February. a truck column, which was cleaned in the Lutz Kaserne (3603) in Wuensdorf included vehicles [redacted] the column returned from an exercise which was held on the Elbe River near Wittenberge. The Lutz Kaserne was occupied by approximately 1,600 soldiers including 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, approximately 300 soldiers wearing black epaulets and approximately 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. 6

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10. On 11 February. approximately 400 soldiers from the Lutz Kaserne participated in an exercise which was held in the Wuensdorf area. The exercise also involved units from the Neue Kaserne (3643) in Wuensdorf with 18 T-34/85 tanks and 12 trucks with soldiers. The units returned in the morning of 12 February. 7 Motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] of the supply unit were observed in the installation. The drivers of the vehicles were Germans. 6

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11. At about 1800 on 11 February, an engineer column of trucks with pontoons and bridge building equipment, van-like trucks and three-axle amphibious vehicles was seen in Zossen en route toward Sperenberg, presumably 60 the Schumke Kaserne. Truck [redacted] was seen. 8

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12. On 12 February. approximately 20 large amphibious vehicles were lined up for a roll call in the installation on Schumke Lake, which was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers, most of whom wore black epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets. A column of 15 tank trucks with trailers was ready to depart. [redacted]

[redacted] were seen. The column almost daily left the Schumke Kaserne toward Luckenwalde and returned to the installation, allegedly with filled tanks. 1, 2

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13. On 14 February, numerous three-axle amphibious vehicles and 3 T-34/85 tanks participated in an exercise which was held in the Hege Lake area. 9
14. Between 11 and 16 February, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake was occupied by approximately 2,500 soldiers wearing black and red-bordered black epaulets. The units with the amphibious vehicles were still stationed there. Some of these vehicles were observed in the Hege Lake area. 1
15. At about 0800 on 16 February, a column of 35 to 40 ^{tank} trucks left the installation on Schumke Lake toward Baruth and returned at about 2300. Truck [] were seen. 2 25X1
16. On 16 February, motor vehicle [] were seen with a driving school in Sperenberg. 10 25X1
17. Between 11 and 16 February, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne (3381) in Rehagen was occupied by approximately 2,000 soldiers wearing black, red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. The following vehicles were seen near the installation: trucks [] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks [] occupied by soldiers wearing black epaulets; trucks [] occupied by soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets; radio truck [] 25X1
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18. Between 18 and 23 February, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake near Sperenberg was occupied by approximately 2,500 soldiers wearing black, red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer, motor transport and signal insignia. This units equipped with three-axle amphibious vehicles and track-laying amphibious vehicles were still stationed in the installation. 1
19. On 18 February, a column of 9 tank trucks with trailers left the installation on Schumke Lake and went toward Baruth and, on 21 and 22 February, a column of 9 to 12 tank trucks left toward Kunnersdorf-Rehagen. [] 2 25X1
20. During the period under review, intensive vehicular and driving school traffic in Sperenberg included: sedans [] occupied by personnel wearing blue-bordered black, red and blue epaulets respectively; and amphibious vehicles [] 1 25X1
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21. Between 18 and 23 February, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in Rehagen was occupied by approximately 2,000 soldiers wearing black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia. No guns or radio trucks were seen in the installation. The following motor vehicles were observed: [] all occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and truck [] personnel of which wore black epaulets. 4 25X1
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1. Comment. The installation on Schumke Lake appeared to be occupied as previously by the units with amphibious vehicles of both types. 25X1
2. Comment. The columns of tank trucks which were repeatedly seen in the installation on Schumke Lake presumably supplied the units of the Third Gds Mecz Army stationed in the Wuensdorf area and, possibly, units of the GSFG from the fuel depot of the Third Gds Mecz Army in Kummersdorf. The numbers of the tank vehicles are believed to belong to GSFG. 25X1
3. Comment. The motor vehicle [] in the Sperenberg area are believed to belong to GSFG, the Third Gds Mecz Army and the 2d Gds AAA Div. 25X1
4. Comment. Units of the 2d Gds AAA Div are confirmed in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne (3381) in Rehagen by weapons [] observed there. 25X1
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5. Comment. The information indicates no major changes in the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne in Kummersdorf. Information on the exercises checks with observations at other posts in the zone. The partial covering of field trenches may be a protective measure in case of employment of atomic weapons. Most of the motor vehicle [] seen in the installation are believed to belong to GSFG. 25X1
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6. Comment. A column of the elements of the 56th Motor Trans Regt of GSFG stationed in the Lutz Kaserne presumably conducted a march practice toward the Elbe River. Exercises of major units on the Elbe River in the Wittenberge or Wittenberg area have not been observed so far. 25X1
7. Comment. In addition to elements of the units stationed in the Lutz Kaserne, elements of the 70th Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div from Neue Kaserne also participated in the post exercise in Wuensdorf on 11 and 12 February. 25X1
8. Comment. The engineer column observed on 11 February probably belonged to the 35th Engr Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army. 25X1
9. Comment. The exercise which was held in the Hege Lake area on 14 February presumably involved elements of the 35th Engr Regt and the 70th Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div. Tanks have not been observed with army engineer units so far. 25X1
10. Comment. [] the driving school vehicles are believed to belong to units of GSFG stationed at Kummersdorf where the bulk of the 56th Motor Trans Regt of GSFG is quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne (3281). 25X1

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